

MEXICO SENDS SCIENTISTS TO MEETING HERE

Dr. Gamio and Dr. Castillo Are Appointed Delegates to Pan-American Congress.

With the formal opening of the headquarters of the second Pan-American Scientific Congress at the New Willard today came the announcement of the appointment by President Carranza of the Mexican delegates to the part of Mexico in the congress. A dispatch was received from the Mexican ambassador announcing these appointments and further announcing that the delegates left Mexico City yesterday for Washington.

The second, third, and fourth floors of the New Willard have been turned over to the officials of the congress together with a goodly portion of the P street end of the first floor. The office force moved into its quarters in the red parlor and adjoining rooms this morning, and the social secretaries and secretaries of the forty-five sections took up their quarters in the rooms in the second floor. The third and fourth floors and part of the second floor will be used for the delegates and their families as soon as they arrive.

Delegates Number 800.

There are to be about 800 delegates, and most of them will be entertained at the New Willard and at other hotels and private residences where quarters have been obtained for them. The registration bureau, the postoffice, telegraph office and financial agent will look after the delegates and their postal orders for the delegates are located on the first floor in connection with the office of the secretary general. All these offices were open for business this morning. Assistant Secretary General Glen Leach Swickert was in charge of the registration bureau. Within a short time after the delegates and their families arrived at the various rooms, the work of preparing for the congress began. A corps of translators and attendants and numerous clerks, stenographers, and other assistants are engaged in making preparation for the reception of the delegates, and will have charge of the delegates after they arrive.

One of the most important groups of assistants to the chiefs in charge of the reception of delegates is a unique committee of men and women, was appointed today to look after the social engagements of the delegates and to attend them as guides. The committee consists of about fifty young men and women, who are social leaders, who speak several languages, and who are especially interested in Pan-American affairs. The committee was chosen by Mrs. Robert Lansing and Assistant Secretary of State William Phillips, and is headed by Mrs. Francisco Yanes, wife of the assistant director of the Pan-American Union. Mrs. Yanes has asked all her women aides to meet her at the New Willard Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock to be in readiness to receive the delegates. A number of their social and other engagements will be assigned to them by the committee.

Will Meet on Sunday.

The committee of United States citizens who have been named to meet the delegates will meet Sunday at 11 o'clock and will meet the delegates at the New Willard. The committee will be assigned to a delegation of the visitors and will be in charge of the reception of the delegates at their engagements, social and otherwise.

FEDERAL WORKERS GET SALARY TODAY

Uncle Sam opened his purse strings today for an extra Government pay day. In practically all of the departments and bureaus employees who wished to do so were permitted to draw their pay to help meet the Christmas drain.

Ninety per cent of the employees availed themselves of the opportunity, but the other ten per cent, evidently thinking of the lean days following Christmas, did not visit the disbursing officers.

The Government departments will close at 12 o'clock tomorrow, thus allowing the employees half a day in which to do their Christmas shopping. The employees will have a full holiday Saturday and Sunday. Hundreds of Government employees have planned to leave Washington tomorrow afternoon and spend Christmas with their respective families in various parts of the country.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Unsettled and warmer tonight; Friday partly cloudy; lowest temperature tonight about 35; fresh southerly winds.

Maryland—Unsettled and warmer tonight; Friday cloudy; fresh southerly winds.

Virginia—Unsettled and warmer tonight; Friday cloudy; fresh southerly winds.

| TEMPERATURES | |
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| 5 a. m. | 26 |
| 8 a. m. | 32 |
| 11 a. m. | 38 |
| 2 p. m. | 42 |
| 5 p. m. | 40 |
| 8 p. m. | 35 |

High tide at 9:25 a. m. and 9:32 p. m. Low tide at 3:38 a. m. and 3:40 p. m.

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Changes in Law Are Necessary to Relieve California's Oil Men

Attorney General Believes He Has Directions From Congress to Prosecute Interests Occupying the Lands Included in 1909 Withdrawals—Better Conditions Demanded.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.

Unless important changes are made in the present laws it will be impossible for the Government to give any relief or reassurance to the oil producers of California, operating on the lands withdrawn in 1909.

A statement issued by the Attorney General makes this perfectly plain. The Department of Justice considers that it has had specific directions from Congress to pursue the course on which it is now entered, of prosecuting persons and corporations now occupying lands included in the 1909 withdrawals and whose occupancy of work of exploration began after the date of withdrawal, or, having begun before that date, was not diligently continued until oil was discovered.

LOSSES TO COUNTRY LARGE.

These persons or companies, in the view of the department, are made trespassers under present law. The department's statement on the subject declares that if the trespassers were merely technical, a temporary suspension of prosecutions might be excusable; but it is declared that some of the trespasses involve continuing, enormous, and irreparable losses to the country.

There is a sharp conflict between the views of the oil industry Association of California and those of the department concerning the results to be attained through the prosecutions. The oil people have argued that continued prosecutions, compelling the suspension of operations, might result in letting water into the oil-bearing strata and ruin the field by "flooding" it. On the other hand, the department just as vigorously insists that "in many instances only through the intervention of the courts can the disposal and waste of oil, and the damage to remaining deposits due to negligent operation, be in any way checked or mitigated."

The oil industry association petitioned the Attorney General to make public announcement that would be necessary to the oil and general business interests of the coast. Referring to the suits already begun, it asked the Attorney General to announce that except in such special instances as are unavoidably necessary, no further suits will be brought or receivers appointed, pending a settlement of the difficulties in this situation by Congressional legislation. This, the department felt unable to promise, and its explanation of its reason indicates that there will be vigorous opposition to what the oil men regard as absolutely necessary relief legislation.

Legality Not Doubted.

The Department of Justice insists that the withdrawals of 1909 and subsequent ones are of such established legality that there can be no question on this point. It argues thus:

The first withdrawal was in September, 1909. But many companies and individuals declined to respect this action, and the oil was being taken and sold. Others, who had planned to explore some of these withdrawn lands, deferred their operations and treated the President's order as valid. Some of these were superseded and, if the department's information is correct, they were willing to stake their investments on the speculative hope that the withdrawal would be held void.

But the Supreme Court, in the Mid-West Oil case, held that the withdrawals were valid, while Congress in 1910 passed the Pickett bill specifically authorizing the President to make such withdrawals. Immediately after this passed the President made new orders withdrawing more lands and reaffirming the former orders.

To complete the showing of Congressional intent, it is pointed out by the department that only last March Congress appropriated \$50,000 "to enable the Attorney General to represent and protect the interests of the United States in matters and suits affecting withdrawn lands." As the department views it, this is tantamount to a direction that the lands be protected from unlawful intrusion, and is the latest expression of Congress on the subject. An Attorney General who retained nascent under such circumstances and failed to protect the interests of the Government would be subject to proper and severe criticism.

Question Concerns Merits.

Thus, from the technical legal side, the Government is in a position that the law officers consider unassailable. The real question concerns the merits, and the public and private interests involved.

In a single year the California oil production has fallen from 102,000,000 to 50,000,000 barrels; and this at a time when there was demand for a largely increased quantity of oil. The present consumption of oil from the California fields is stated as 1,000,000 barrels a month in excess of production, which means that stored reserves are being heavily drawn upon.

California's need for an early adjustment of its oil law is emphasized by the fact that oil is practically the only fuel used there now. California is one of the few States in the Union that have no coal at all. The whole industrial and economic fabric of the State is based on oil.

Christmas Center Market

Open Friday, Dec. 24, from 5 A. M. to 11 P. M.

Closed (Saturday) Christmas Day

The market hours for New Year's will be as follows:

Friday, Dec. 31, Open from 5 A. M. to 9 P. M.

Saturday, New Year's, Open from 5 A. M. to 11 P. M.

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SNOW KEPT WILSON AND BRIDE INDOORS

Reading Newspaper Reports of Wedding and Editorials on International Situation.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 23.—Snow here today kept President Wilson and his bride indoors, and, as a result, the Executive cleaned up a great mass of official business which had been forwarded to him from Washington. This was the last opportunity for the President to complete his list of Christmas pardons before his stenographer left for home for Christmas. This afternoon, despite the snow fall and the freezing temperature, the honeymooners prepared a walk or ride.

Among the papers forwarded from Washington which especially interested the President and his bride were the "yellow sheets" of clippings regarding the wedding, and the many editorials on the international situation.

It is understood the first use of the private telephone line between the President's suite here and the White House was used today in notifying the President of the arrival in Vienna of this government's last note to Austria.

The hotel management is making an attempt to have the President and his bride participate in the hotel's Christmas celebration, for which elaborate preparations are being made.

At 1 o'clock the President and Mrs. Wilson started for their first golf game, the weather having moderated and the snowfall ceased. She wore a light blue walking suit.

The President spent all morning on official business, but without calling his stenographer.

When the Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen, who have been in the West since they arrived here today, the Presidential couple to share popular cordiality.

President and Mrs. Wilson may gather about them their immediate relatives for a good old Christmas luncheon on Christmas Day. It is learned that members of the two families are planning a trip here, leaving Washington Christmas Eve.

Those mentioned as being in the prospective party are Mrs. W. H. Bolling and Miss Bertha Bolling, mother and sister of the late President, and Dr. Cary T. Grayson, White House physician, to whom Miss Gordon is reported to be engaged.

Head of Vice Squad Is Released From Hospital

"Johnny" Carter, chief of the vice squad, and wounded in a revolver duel several weeks ago, will spend Christmas with his family. He has been released from Emergency Hospital, where he was treated for a fractured arm and injuries to his head.

Carter was hit when he took a hand in the attack made by Father Carter, colored, on a colored woman named Mary Johnson several weeks ago near Twelfth street and Iowa avenue. Carter was shot by Carter, who also inflicted wounds upon the Johnson woman from which she died.

CHALONER WANTS WRIT OF PROTECTION

Contemplates Coming to Washington to Appear in Suit Before Justice Stafford.

John Armstrong Chaloner, author of "Who's Loney Now?" and who styles himself as "a geographical lunatic," today applied to the Supreme Court for a writ of protection from being made a party to any action which may be brought touching his sanity when he appears soon to prosecute an action against a local newspaper.

In the petition, which was addressed to the Honorable Wendell R. Stafford of the District, Supreme Court, and which was filed by Judge Sidney J. Dudley, of Va., Attorney E. F. Callahan, of Washington, and Attorney Herbert A. Ware, of New York, Chaloner recites that he contemplates returning to Washington to appear in a suit before Justice Stafford, and that he fears efforts will be made to incarcerate him in an insane asylum.

He asks that the court protect him from all "interference, molestation, detention, arrest, or incarceration, except for crime." This protection is sought on the assumption that the Supreme Court of New York, the "Society of the New York Hospital," "The Bloomingdale Asylum" or some member of the Chaloner family may seek to disturb Chaloner.

At the outset of the petition Chaloner advises the court that he is a citizen of the United States and the State of North Carolina, with a residence in Rossmore Rapids, in Halifax county. He also says he has a 400-acre farm at Cobham, Albemarle county, Va., known as "Merry Mills," where he spends most of his time engaged in literary work.

In the second paragraph the petitioner maintains that he was committed to an insane asylum in New York in 1887, but that the order of commitment has since been vacated or annulled. Following his escape from Bloomingdale, Chaloner fled to Virginia, where he was declared sane by a jury. He then changed his name from Chaloner to Chaloner, which he maintains was the original spelling of the family name.

To Accommodate Washington Branch Computers, Baltimore & Ohio will hold 12:00 noon train until 12:25 on December 24th and 31st.—Advt.

YOUR FINAL CHANCE TO AID CITY'S POOR

Holiday Will Mean Little to Fourteen Families Unless Purse Strings Are Loosened.

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It is a fact that when one seizes the opportunity to do good the return may be as satisfying as the fruit of the opportunity to become famous.

Not Yet Answered.

These "opportunities" offered by the Associated Charities are not yet answered. In another column will be seen a list of the contributions to and the needs of these dependent families. If the money is not forthcoming there must be a breaking of family ties and a visit of a wagon from the charity homes soon after the New Year.

A few hours remain in which the Washingtonian, whose family is intact and whose purse is filled, may help less fortunate ones to know the meaning of holly and mistletoe, of Christmas music in the churches and a season dedicated to good cheer.

The Associated Charities, in accordance with a letter printed on the front of the "Opportunities" is glad to furnish additional information regarding the destitution of the families for whom special appeal is made. There is nothing of the "charity believe" in the story. It is simply a case of a chance to divide with the poor and friendly some of the things you enjoy.

Contributions may be sent either to the Associated Charities or to The Times.

One of the encouraging things reported regarding the "Opportunities" is the number of small contributions. In the mail this morning at headquarters, 22 H street northwest, were twenty-eight coin cards with cash, totaling \$180. These small gifts are particularly welcome, as showing the widespread interest in the general plan of keeping the fourteen homes together throughout the new year.

Mr. Rudolph's Letter.

A letter has been addressed to The Washington Times by President Cuno H. Rudolph, of the Associated Charities, again setting forth the position of that organization in regard to the "fourteen opportunities" it has presented for Christmas giving, one of which was closed yesterday when the fall annual asked was subscribed.

Mr. Rudolph's letter follows: "Editor, Washington Times, Washington, D. C.: We are receiving many requests for the names and addresses of the families represented by our fourteen opportunities. The Associated Charities indeed values this expression of interest and good will. We feel, however, that we owe it to the public to explain once more that our relations to our families are as strictly confidential as those of the physician to his patient or of the lawyer to his client. This must of necessity be so if we are to be entrusted with the confidences and sad histories of those who need us in their hour of trial. The hands of those families are bowed with grief and dejected voices, to whom family privacy is as sacred as to any of us."

"The above does not mean that the

society does not want friendly visitors for its families. The service of any one willing to visit regularly some family in distress will be gladly accepted. These fourteen families, however, have friendly visitors, but there are many others who have not.

"In conclusion, let us say to those who are still skeptical that these fourteen families are not manufactured for the occasion, but are real households with real children. While we cannot give their names to strangers, we shall be glad to tell any one who will call at headquarters, 22 H street northwest, many more details about any one or all of these families than the papers have space to print.

"Very respectfully,
"CUNO H. RUDOLPH,
"President, Associated Charities."
(List of Opportunities on Page 8)

Czar of Russia Gets War Cross From France

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Czar Nicholas of Russia has been decorated with the French war cross, it was announced here today.

Gen. Paul Pau, one-armed French commander, who is now at the Austrian front conferred the decoration.

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